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SUBJ: DEATH CASES IN THAILAND

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1. CONOFF CREHAN DOES NOT RECALL HAVING STATED CATEGORICALLY TO MRS. FIDDLE THAT THERE HAD BEEN TEN DEATHS IN THAILAND RECENTLY. HOWEVER, A CHECK OF OUR FILES INDICATES NINE AMCITS HAVE DIED IN THAILAND BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND JUNE 30 OF THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION, A TENTH CASE INVOLVING DISAPPEARANCE OF AN EMBASSY DEPENDENT IN NOVEMBER 1976 WAS HANDLED BY THE CONSULAR SECTION WHEN THE REMAINS WERE FOUND IN FEBRUARY 1977.

2. DEATHS, INCLUDING DATES AND CAUSES, AS FOLLOWS:
FRISCO, LARRY A., JANUARY 1977 - REPORTED THROUGH JUSMAG, NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE; CHILD WAS SEVEN MONTHS OLD. PANKIEWICZ, FRANK, FEBRUARY 14, 1977, HEART ATTACK. GRASSO, PHILIP JOHN, MARCH 5, 1977, HEART ATTACK. TROUSDALE, QUINTON CHESTER, MARCH 6, 1977, FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS. SWAFFORD, CLARENCE A., MARCH 30, 1977, HEART FAILURE. GALLAGHER, FRANK J., APRIL 2, 1977, HEART ATTACK. MUNDAY, HAROLD A., JR., APRIL 5, 1977, GUNSHOT WOUNDS. GANEK, DAVID L., APRIL 27, 1977, OVERDOSE OF MEPROBAMATE. CLARK, JAMES MICHAEL, JUNE 28, UNCLASSIFIED

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1977, ALCOHOL POISONING AND IMMEDIATE HEART FAILURE. IN ADDITION, THE BODY OF KARL CLAISH, WHO DROWNED IN NOVEMBER 1976, WAS FOUND AND THE REMAINS TURNED OVER TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN FEBRUARY 1977.

3. MRS. FIDDLE WAS INFORMED VIA BANGKOK 14167 OF JUNE 29 THAT WE WOULD BE SHIPPING HER SON'S EFFECTS ASAP.

THE SHIPPING AGENT WAS IN FACT DUE TO COME ON JULY 11,
BUT WAS FORCED TO POSTPONE HIS PICKUP UNTIL TODAY,
JULY 13. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT BECAUSE OF
THE PERSONAL NATURE OF DAVID GANEK'S JOURNAL, DECISION
HAS BEEN TAKEN TO SEND THE JOURNAL TO HIS MOTHER VIA
APO AND UNDER SEPARATE COVER.
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